

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 11 - 15 as follows. The below listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (previously presented): An artificial lure containing as its chief components (1) a protein crosslinked by a protein crosslinking enzyme, and (2) below or both of (2) and (3) below:

(2) a non-water-soluble polysaccharide; and

(3) at least one saccharide selected from a group consisting of monosaccharides, oligosaccharides, glutinous starch syrup, and dextrans.

Claim 2 (original): The artificial lure according to claim 1, wherein the protein is gelatin.

Claim 3 (original): The artificial lure according to claim 1, wherein the protein crosslinking enzyme is transglutaminase.

Claim 4 (original): The artificial lure according to claim 1, wherein the non-water-soluble polysaccharide is cellulose.

Claim 5 (original): The artificial lure according to claim 1, wherein the non-water-soluble polysaccharide is microcrystalline cellulose.

Claim 6 (original): The artificial lure according to claim 1, wherein the saccharide is at least one selected from a group consisting of sugar and glutinous starch syrup.

Claim 7 (original): The artificial lure according to claim 1 further containing a fish attractant.

Claim 8 (original): The artificial lure according to claim 1 containing a protein crosslinked by a protein crosslinking enzyme at a ratio of 15 to 35 wt%.

Claim 9 (original): The artificial lure according to claim 8 containing a non-water soluble polysaccharide at a ratio of 1 to 10 wt%.

Claim 10 (previously presented): The artificial lure according to claim 8 containing a saccharide at a ratio of 1 to 30 wt%.

Claim 11 (currently amended): ~~Use~~ A method for manufacturing an artificial lure [of] ~~comprising combining into~~ a composition ~~containing~~ mixture (1) a protein linked by a protein crosslinking enzyme, and (2) below or both of (2) and (3) below:

(2) a non-water-soluble polysaccharide; and

(3) at least one saccharide selected from a group consisting of monosaccharides, oligosaccharides, glutinous starch syrup, and dextrins, and

forming the composition mixture into a shape for the artificial lure.

Claim 12 (currently amended): The ~~use~~ method for manufacturing an artificial lure according to claim 11, wherein the protein crosslinking enzyme is transglutaminase, the protein is gelatin, the non-water-soluble polysaccharide is cellulose, and the saccharide is at least one saccharide selected from a group consisting of sugar and glutinous starch syrup.

Claim 13 (currently amended): ~~Use~~ A method of fishing comprising providing as an artificial lure of a composition containing (1) a protein linked by a protein crosslinking enzyme, and (2) below or both of (2) and (3) below:

(2) a non-water-soluble polysaccharide.

(3) at least one saccharide selected from a group consisting of monosaccharides, oligosaccharides, glutinous starch syrup, and dextrins, and

placing said artificial lure in a body of water containing fish.

Claim 14 (currently amended): The ~~use~~ method as of fishing with an artificial lure of a composition according to claim 13, wherein the protein crosslinking enzyme is transglutaminase, the protein is gelatin, the non-water-soluble polysaccharide is cellulose, and the saccharide is at least one saccharide selected from a group consisting of sugar and glutinous starch syrup.

Claim 15 (currently amended): The ~~use as~~ method of fishing with an artificial lure of a composition according to claim 14, wherein the composition is a composition containing (1) 15 to 35 wt% of a protein crosslinked by a protein crosslinking enzyme, (2) 1 to 10 wt% of a non-water-soluble polysaccharide, and (3) 1 to 30 wt% of a saccharide if it contains the said saccharide.

Claim 16 (previously presented): The artificial lure according to claim 1, wherein the protein crosslinking enzyme is transglutaminase, the protein is gelatin, the non-water-soluble polysaccharide is cellulose, and the saccharide is at least one saccharide selected from a group consisting of sugar and glutinous starch syrup.

Claim 17 (previously presented): The artificial lure according to claim 9 containing a saccharide at a ratio of 1 to 30 wt%.